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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/63/959)*]

63/309. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions relating to the revitalization of its work, including resolutions 46/77 of 12 December 1991, 47/233 of 17 August 1993, 48/264 of 29 July 1994, 51/241 of 31 July 1997, 52/163 of 15 December 1997, 55/14 of 3 November 2000, 55/285 of 7 September 2001, 56/509 of 8 July 2002, 57/300 of 20 December 2002, 57/301 of 13 March 2003, 58/126 of 19 December 2003, 58/316 of 1 July 2004, 59/313 of 12 September 2005, 60/286 of 8 September 2006, 61/292 of 2 August 2007 and 62/276 of 15 September 2008,

Stressing the importance of implementing resolutions on the revitalization of its work,

Recalling the role of the General Assembly in addressing issues of peace and security, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing the need to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the General Assembly,

Recalling paragraph 18 of the annex to its resolution 60/286 on the selection of the Secretary-General,

Noting the role of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the importance of providing adequate resources for its substantive work,

Noting also the current practice of balloting observed by the General Assembly,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the General Assembly;[1]

2. *Decides* to establish, at its sixty-fourth session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(*a*) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on previous resolutions;

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[1] A/63/959.

(*b*) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-fourth session;

Selection of the Secretary-General

3. *Affirms its commitment* to continuing, in the Ad Hoc Working Group at the sixty-fourth session, its consideration of the revitalization of the role of the General Assembly in the selection and appointment of the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 97 of the Charter;

Role and authority of the General Assembly

4. *Welcomes* the holding of interactive thematic debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community in the General Assembly, and invites the President of the Assembly to continue with this practice in consultation with Member States;

5. *Notes* the importance of strengthening the institutional memory of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, and invites the President at the sixty-fourth session to submit his views to the Ad Hoc Working Group at the sixty-fourth session for its consideration;

Working methods

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session, in consultation with Member States, to make proposals for the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items on the agenda of the Assembly, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the Ad Hoc Working Group, including the introduction of a sunset clause;

7. *Calls upon* Member States to respond to the annual review of the Meetings and Publishing Division of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management on the distribution of printed documents to Missions, bearing in mind the cost savings, as well as the reduced environmental impact, which may accrue from this exercise, in order to improve the quality and distribution of those documents;

8. *Invites* the Committee on Information at its thirty-second session to consider the sections on media and visibility in the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group, in particular those that call for less rigid restrictions and better access to people and information, and requests the Committee on Information to consider recommending measures for the operationalization and implementation of aspects thereof in its report to the Assembly through the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at its sixty-fifth session;

9. *Decides* that the Ad Hoc Working Group, during the sixty-fourth session, shall further consider options for more time-effective, efficient and secure balloting, reiterating the need to ascertain the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of the balloting process.

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